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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1870.

BERGNER SQUELCHED. The lower branch of the State Legislature yesterday refused, by a vote of 76 to 16, to ratify the proposed contract with the insatiable Bergner, for printing the Legislative Record at the extortionate price of \$14.50 per page. This action is supposed to be final, and if the members do not imitate the Senators who flopped over on the same question, Robin O'Bobbin will lose one of his usual opportunities for plunder during this session. True to his instincts, however, if he is choked off in this direction he will only become more voracious in others. Senator Lowry described him faithfully the other day in the Senate, when he said that Bergner "was an old State robber, who had grown rich at the expense of the Commonwealth. Would to God that there were some way to get rid of him! He would vote thousands of dollars to have him exported out of the country. He sticks to us like a barnacle, and we cannot shake him off." As there seems to be no ground, however, for hoping that Bergner will leave the country for the country's good, the Legislature, if thoroughly in earnest, as we trust it is, in its late action, will follow it up by a close investigation of Bergner's bills for stationery. There is something decidedly suspicious in the manner in which the charges under that head are distributed through the Auditor-General's Report, and the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform should look into the matter. In the account of the expenses for 1869 the first item in the reports of the Senate, as well as the House, embraces pay of members, "including mileage and stationery," and yet at a later portion of the reports records are made of one payment to "George Bergner, for stationery, etc., furnished the Senate, \$2843.42," and of another to "George Bergner, for stationery furnished the House of Representatives, \$5218.65." Sundry other sops to this monster of greed were duly set down, exclusive of the Record job, which is now so universally condemned, and the perquisites of the Harrisburg Post Office. The charges for the articles furnished should be critically examined, and all future transactions with Bergner should be under the most stringent contracts. His unbridled rapacity has awakened intense indignation, and the Republican members should spare no pains to shield the party from the reproach of abetting his innumerable schemes to plunder the treasury.

THE INCOME TAX.

There is, perhaps, no one opinion so universally shared by all classes of people in relation to the financial policy of the Government, as the one that condemns the attempts being made to re-enact the iniquitous tax upon incomes. This measure was one of a series of extreme character enacted during the Rebellion, at a time when the imperative demands of the nation for the "sinews of war" could not stop short of any honorable measure to meet the requirements. Even in that gloomy hour our legislators, appreciating its objectionable features, limited the period of its existence. Unlike other laws for the raising of money by impost and direct tax, it had a specific date beyond which its operation would cease. It was eminently a war measure, and as such should not be continued in a time of profound peace. If the revenues of the nation were short of its requirements, some shadow of an argument might be presented for the continuance of its obnoxious provisions, but this is not the case. The Treasury is overflowing, and the funded debt is being liquidated at the rate of one hundred millions per annum, so that there can be no reasonable argument on that score for its continuance. It has been hinted that the financial officers of the Government desire its continuance, so as to present a gratifying balance sheet, as an evidence of their fitness to hold the important trusts committed to their hands. The American people are, however, too well educated and informed on public affairs not to appreciate the situation under all circumstances. They would much rather be relieved of this offensive tax, than have it exacted and read the result in the various reports of the departments.

The great burdens, expenditures, and needs of our war period are past. The financial strength of the nation is apparent—its receipts ample for all purposes—therefore let this tax die the death it is intended it should, in this year of grace 1870. Public sentiment is almost unanimously against it. You hear it discussed and denounced in all its various phases in our public conveyances, street cars and steamboats, railroad cars and stages, at the social board, and indeed at every place, public or private, where questions of this character are talked over, and the sentiment of the people, as before stated, is almost unanimous that the law should be permitted to die, and we can assure our law-makers that there will be but few mourners, unless they be among the public officials whose duty and pleasure it is to collect and disburse the money. There is one aspect of the case worthy of the most serious consideration, and demoralizing results. Conscience and Mammon under its provisions have many a conflict. Where a man's word or oath transfers money from his private purse to the public coffers, the temptation is great, and we fear many a false oath is recorded to

save the transfer. The sacredness of the oath is thus undermined, and perjury excuses itself under the plea that the law is unjust. It also presents temptations to fraud in another direction, by inducing men to return a false income to buoy up a sinking financial ship, and obtain credit to which they are not entitled. It is unjust because it is unequal in its operations, although not in its intent. Under its provisions the honest citizen pays, whilst the dishonest, by perjury, evades the tax. It is inquisitorial in its character, and productive of the most painful evils. It not only enters the sacred precincts of home, and drags under oath a secret that the head of the house has, for wise and prudent reasons, guarded even from his own family, but it publishes it to the world through the columns of enterprising journals.

If the income be large, the children insist on a more extravagant mode of living, against their own future interests and happiness. A thousand evils and embarrassments follow from this source. If, on the other hand, the income be small, from causes that can not be explained to the public, the reputation of the individual suffers, and the most unkind and uncharitable remarks are made with reference to himself and family. Among other unjust results of this law, it may be proper to mention one which is an apparent violation of one of its provisions, and yet is insisted upon by those who construe the law. Reference is here made to the taxing the interest on all bonds issued by corporations. The provisions of the law exempt all incomes of one thousand dollars and under, and yet, as is often the case, the whole income of a widow or of orphans may be derived from the interest arising from these securities, and although it may amount to much less than the one thousand dollars specified, yet it is rigidly exacted; so that there is paid on nine hundred dollars of an income from such securities, that should be untaxed, as much as can be exacted from nineteen hundred derived from any other source. This is not only a contradiction of the terms of the law, but unjust and cruel, as it falls upon those who are least able to pay.

These are only a few of the many, very many, objections to this law, which expires by its own limitation this year, and which it is proposed to re-enact as a painful burden and corrupting nuisance. The gentlemen who cry for more money in the Treasury may consider these arguments of a trifling character; but the people, who are able, and cheerfully willing, to support the Government in every necessary demand for "men or money," have, as a grand jury, set upon this measure and return it a cumbersome, inquisitorial, unjust, unequal, demoralizing, and unnecessary tax upon the people. "Let it die the death."

INDUENGY AND SCIENCE.

Now that Dr. Landis has gone to his own place it would be as well for our censors of indecent literature to keep a strict watch upon any publications which offer to lead the public into the debatable land in the name of science. Such books are especially dangerous, as they force their corrupting way where openly foul volumes could not enter. No better instance of this can be given than a book (which we will not advertise by naming) recently published by a physician of some repute in this city, and prefaced by a formidable array of endorsements from literary men and doctors of divinity. The aim of the book was in reality to urge John Stuart Mill's argument against the rapid increase of families, and to advertise the author as prepared to furnish the preventive prescriptions. The remainder of the volume was mere padding of unclean anecdotes which we could easily imagine Sairey Gamp retailing to the doctor with a sly wink over a glass of gin "ot and ot." The approval of those clergymen who recommended it to the perusal of young girls can only be excused by the supposition that they never read it. The book, to the credit of the public taste, fell flat without any sale. Its authors have issued another, in which they take up the trade of the valet and the ladies-maid, and propound various hair dyes and cosmetics.

The profession of medicine is so rigid in its rules, founded upon good taste and good breeding, that it is painful to find a reputable member of it descending to charlatanism and trickery in order to gain notoriety. It is a course as unsuccessful, in the long run, as that of the actor who forgets his high art, and by indecent gags and winks strives to conciliate the galleries. Meanwhile we warn parents to examine closely all medical books professedly written for the benefit of their daughters, no matter under what sanction they may come to them.

driving of cattle through the streets between the Delaware and Fortieth street, and Norris and Washington streets, between 5 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. While all proper facilities should be afforded for bringing our beef, veal, pork, and mutton to market, the practice of driving herds of cattle through the streets at all hours of the day has become a great nuisance in some sections of the city, and if such a regulation as that proposed is put in force, the nuisance will be at least abated to some degree.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

JOHN WANAMAKER, FINEST CLOTHING, ESTABLISHMENT, NO. 318 AND 322 CHESTNUT STREET. BOYS' CLOTHING, GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS. ACADEMY OF MUSIC, THIRD STAR COURSE OF LECTURES, SECOND SERIES, OPENING LECTURE BY WENDELL PHILLIPS, MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31. SUBJECT—"The Questions of Tomorrow."

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE MERCHANTS' FUND—The Sixteenth Anniversary of the Merchants' Fund will be celebrated at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3, at 7 1/2 o'clock. The annual report of the Board of Managers will be read, and addresses will be delivered by Hon. WILLIAM B. BRONG, Rev. J. L. WITHERS, Hon. JAMES R. LUDLOW, and GEORGE H. STUART.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, ACADEMY OF MUSIC, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1. SUBJECT—"THE HOUSEHOLD."

TO CONSUMERS OF GAS. THE Board of Trustees of the PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS have reduced the price on all gas consumed by private consumers, on and after the 1st day of February next, twenty-five cents per thousand, making the price Two Dollars and Thirty Cents per thousand cubic feet.

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND ROADS OF PHILADELPHIA. At a meeting for the organization of the Board of Directors, held on Friday, January 21, 1870, the following officers were elected: SAMUEL B. THOMAS, President; WILLIAM V. STEVENSON, Treasurer; EDWIN A. B. SHAW, Secretary pro tem.

OFFICE OF ST. NICHOLAS COAL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 23, 1870. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the St. Nicholas Coal Company will be held at this Office on MONDAY, Feb. 7, at 12 o'clock M.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS. THE CHEESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL will be closed, for repairs to a lock, on MONDAY MORNING, the 7th of February, 1870, and opened for navigation in a few days thereafter, due notice of which will be given.

PHIRACHING IN W. M. E. CHURCH every evening this week at 7 1/2 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. GEORGE W. SMILEY. Seats free; all invited. 137 1/2 S.

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BANK REPORTS. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 28, 1870.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES. Rows include Loans and Discounts, U. S. Bonds, Due from Banking Agents, Due from other National Banks, Due from other National Banks and Banks, Current Expenses, Cash items, Bills of other National Banks, Fractional Currency, Legal-tender Notes, U. S. Three-per-cent. Certificates.

THEODORE KITCHEN, Cashier of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE GREAT NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JAN. 23, 1870.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES. Rows include Loans and discounts, U. S. Bonds, Due from other banks, Due from other banks and banks, Specie, Legal-tender notes, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Discount and interest, National Bank circulation outstanding, Dividends unpaid, Individual deposits, Due to National Banks, Due to other Banks and Bankers.

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